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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE POLITICAL CRISIS, ALLIED DEMARCHES

REF: STATE 202520

1. WE HAVE REPEATED TO ROME REFTEL REQUESTING UK, FRG, GOF
AND GON TO PARTICIPATE VIA DEMARCHES IN LISBON IN WESTERN
SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC PORTUGUESE EFFORTS AGAINST COMMUNISTS

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AT WHAT LOOKS TO BE A CRUCIAL MOMENT. THESE GOVERNMENTS
WERE SELECTED ON GROUND THEY PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC OR

INFLUENTIAL.

2. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE EC INVOLVEMENT AS RESULT FRG REACTION, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN AUGUST 26 CALLED IN ITALIAN DCM TAMAGNINI (GAJA IN NEW YORK) TO MAKE SAME APPROACH TO HIM. LOWENSTEIN URGED ITALIANS ALSO TO APPROACH PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT, EITHER IN PURELY NATIONAL CAPACITY, OR, IF RAPID COORDINATION POSSIBLE, IN EC ROLE.

3. YOU SHOULD MAKE SIMILAR HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BUT DO NOT DRAW ON PARA 4A OF STATE 202520 FOR REASONS CITED LISBON 4884 WHICH ALSO BEING REPEATED TO YOU. INGERSOLL

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